

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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RISE IN PLAN AND NON PLAN EXPENDITURE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether both plan and non-plan expenditure registered sharp rise in the first quarter of the current financial year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial action taken / proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (c): From figures of expenditure available for the first two months of the first quarter of 2004-05 from the Office of the Controller General of Accounts, Department of Expenditure, it is seen that Plan expenditure during 2004-05 (upto May, 2004) was Rs. 13,584 crore while non plan expenditure was Rs. 46,786 crore. This is about 57% and 26% higher respectively than the expenditure incurred during the corresponding period of the previous year. This is mainly on account of expenditure under the ongoing Plan schemes of the Department of Rural Development and transfer of Plan funds to States and UT Governments, and on account of interest payments, defence expenditure, major subsidies and pensions. It is the Government's constant endeavour to contain non-plan and non-developmental expenditure.